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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

County Superintendent Charles E. Barton Succumbs to Pulmonary Trouble. Funeral Tuesday Afternoon.

DEATH NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.

CHARLES E. BARTON.

The spirit of Chas. E. Barton, county superintendent of schools of this county, took its flight from its earthly tenement at 3:30 o'clock last Sunday morning, at his home on South Second street. The funeral took place from his late residence at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and his remains were laid to rest in Union Cemetery.

While the health of Prof. Barton had been declining for several months, no one suspected that his condition was in any way a



CHARLES EMERSON BARTON.

serious one; and it was only on Wednesday, the first day of April, when he suffered a hemorrhage of the lungs, which was followed on Friday by a second, that general alarm was felt. From that time until his death, he gradually sank away.

Charles E. Barton was a son of the late Hon. George W. Barton, and was born at the old Barton homestead in Brush Creek township, on the 12th day of July, 1871, and hence, had not quite completed his thirty-sixth year.

He remained at home working on the farm in summer, and at tending the public schools in winter, until he was twenty years of age, when he went to the C. V. state normal school at Shippensburg, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1892. The summer of 1892 he spent in Altoona working life insurance for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. His health not being good, he returned to this county in the fall, and taught the Buffalo school in Brush Creek township, during the winter of 1892-3. The winters of 1893-4-5, he taught at Rys Hill, Bedford county, teaching summer normal schools in the meantime. In the spring of 1895, he accepted a position on the faculty of the Normal School at Shippensburg, and remained there until the spring of 1902, when he was elected County Superintendent of Schools of Fulton county, Pa., for three years, and re-elected in 1905.

In all these positions, he proved himself a popular and very capable man, and the very large number of people from the different sections of the county who were present at his funeral, bear testimony to the high esteem in which he was held in this county.

Mr. Barton was married in the summer of 1902 to Miss Edith Brant, daughter of Mr. P. K. Brant, Cashier of the First National Bank, Newport, Pa., who is now, with their two little boys—Charles and George—so suddenly called to mourn the loss of husband and father.

Mr. Barton was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. J. C. Grimes, of Riverside, Pa., a former pastor and warm personal friend, conducted the funeral services.

Mr. Barton was an Odd Fellow and a Mason. As a Mason he belonged to the Blue Lodge at Ship

pensburg; to the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and to the Commandery of Knights Templar, at Chambersburg, and to the Zembo Temple, Shrine, at Harrisburg. Two brothers and a sister survive him, namely, Philip, of Middletown, Ill.; Arthur, Birmingham, Ala.; and Miss Blanche, Philadelphia.

W. L. SHAW.

On Monday, the 6th inst., Thompson township lost one of her best citizens in the person of W. L. Shaw, who died at the age of 53 years, 7 months and 11 days. Funeral on Wednesday the 8th, conducted by Rev. Dibble of the M. E. church, Hancock, Md.

Mr. Shaw was an active and industrious citizen, and by his native push and energy—his frugality and temperate habits—was as a consequence, prosperous. While engaged in farming, he was a natural mechanic, and could turn his hand to almost any kind of useful employment, hence will be greatly missed by his neighbors and friends.

A few months ago it was discovered that he was a victim of lung trouble, which brought to an abrupt close the life of one who it would seem could be illy spared from his family and the community. He was a life long Methodist, and fully resigned to the ways of an unerring Providence.

Besides his widow, he is survived by the following children, namely, Nora E., wife of Harry Hill; Blanche V., wife of David Chesnut, Jr.; and Wilham, Alvey, Gayle, Bertha and Harry at home.

The esteem in which the deceased was held was manifest by the unusually large number of sorrowing friends who attended his funeral; and it was observed that four generations, on the mother's side, were present—grandmother, mother, child and grandchild.

Thomas S., wife and daughter, and Levi Z., of Mount Pleasant, and Joseph L., of Pittsburgh—brothers of the deceased, were at the funeral.

VINCENT H. PROSSER.

A telegram received here last Saturday, conveyed the intelligence of the death of Mr. Vincent H. Prosser, at his late home in Baltimore, last Friday noon. His remains were taken to Hagerstown on Monday, where interment was made.

Mr. Prosser was a native of this county, and at the age of two and a half years, was taken into the home of Thomas Kerr, of Ayr township, where he remained until he grew to manhood.

He was united in marriage with Miss Belle Burkholder, of Fort Loudon, and resided in this town several years, being engaged in huckstering, and later as proprietor of the Fulton House. From here he went to Strasburg, Franklin county, and later to Williamsport, Md., at both places being engaged in the hotel business. Closing out his property at Williamsport, he went to the Eastern Shore, Md., and bought a big farm. It was not long after this time that he fell from the upper part of the barn to the barnfloor, receiving such serious injury that he never recovered, and was a great sufferer until the time of his death.

Mr. Prosser is survived by his widow and three daughters, namely, Miss Annie, at home; Emma married and living in Gettysburg; and Maggie, wife of Dr. Lesher, residing at Williamsport, Md.

JAMES WRIGHT.

James Wright, one of Ayr township's aged citizens, who had been residing at Back Run for several years, died at the home of his son Howard in Alliance, Ohio, on Friday of last week and was buried in the cemetery in that city on Monday. Since the death of his last wife Mr. Wright had broken up housekeeping, and

## THEIR TWENTIETH.

And Now the China Closet of Mr. and Mrs. George Unger Gleaneth with Pleasure.

On last Saturday while Mr. G. H. Unger and his estimable wife, of Ayr township, were following the even tenor of their ways—the former plowing and the latter preparing the noonday meal—they were a little surprised to see a few of their neighbors approaching their home, but the real thing was when from all points of the compass, friends and neighbors arrived. It was about this time by the clock, that Mrs. Unger recalled the fact that it was their twentieth wedding anniversary; and she also recalled some unusual maneuvers of their sister, Miss Jane Unger, who had planned to celebrate their China Wedding.

So well was the plan laid and executed, it was truly a success in every way. In a little while about fifty guests had arrived, and soon a sumptuous dinner was served, which it goes without saying, all enjoyed. The social enjoyments of the afternoon were interspersed with many fine selections from Mr. Unger's new phonograph and several ladies at an organ, all of which were highly appreciated.

A large and handsome collection of china was left to remind Mr. and Mrs. Unger of the good will of their friends and neighbors.

As the sun was nearing the western horizon adieus were said and a happy company dispersed, feeling it a day long to be remembered.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

during the last few months had been having his home with Cal Summers. About a week before his death, his son Howard came and took his father along to Alliance. On account of the father's age and the enfeebled condition of his health, the trip proved too much for him.

James Wright was born on the 18th of August, 1834, and was aged 72 years, 8 months and 22 days. He was married four times: the first time to a Miss Walker, to whom four children were born; the second time to Miss Jane Gordon, daughter of William Gordon of Belfast township, deceased, to whom five children were born; the third time to Maggie Miller, daughter of Philip Miller, late of Ayr township, deceased, to whom two children were born, and the last time to Maria Kuhn, daughter of William Kuhn, late of the Meadowgrounds, deceased, to whom five children were born. Eight of the sixteen children are living.

HARRY HOOVER.

Harry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoover, formerly of McConnellsburg, received injuries, near Butte, Montana, on the 22nd of April, which has since resulted in his death. He was walking along the edge of the Jefferson river, under a rock cut just at the time a blast was being fired. Warning had been given of the danger, but owing to the noise about him, he did not hear the warning, and was blown into the river terribly wounded in the head and back. Everything possible was done for the unfortunate young man, but he was beyond the help of human skill, and death resulted in a few days.

EMILY HOKE.

Mrs. Emily Hoke, wife of the late Wm. Hoke, of Latrobe, Pa., died at her home in that city, Sunday, May 5th, aged about 86 years. She is survived by two children, James, and Laura, wife of the late Lewis Hoke—all of Latrobe.

Wm. Hoke and wife lived in the house now the home of Paul Wagner in McConnellsburg, for many years, and several of their children were well known here. One son, George, was in the Civil War and died in Tennessee, and is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery in this place.

## TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

List of Candidates to Be Voted for at the June Primary Election.

Last Saturday was the last day for the filing of applications with the County Commissioners for the privilege of having name printed on the official ballot to be used at the primary election, the first day of June.

Inasmuch as the Democrats elected their Committeemen in February, no names will appear on the ticket.

The list of candidates is as follows:

### DEMOCRATIC.

Sheriff—Jefferson Harris, Ayr, and Job L. Garland, Bethel.

County Treasurer—C. B. Stevens, McConnellsburg, and W. R. Daniels, of Thompson.

District Attorney—Frank P. Lynch.

Coroner—Dr. George M. Robinson, McConnellsburg.

County Surveyor—Frank P. Plessinger, Brush Creek.

Delegate to the State Convention—J. Charles Fore, Todd.

### REPUBLICAN.

Sheriff—J. J. Conrad, Ayr.

District Attorney—Horace N. Sipes, McConnellsburg.

County Surveyor—Paul I. Johnston, McConnellsburg.

Delegates to the State Convention—R. M. Kendall, Ayr, and James E. Palmer, Bethel.

Committeemen—Ayr—J. Campbell Patterson, George A. Comer, James H. Kendall.

Belfast—Frank Skiles, Bennett H. Mellott, Philip Hann.

Bethel—Lee Charlton, Clyde Andrews, Frank Schetrompf.

Brush Creek—

Dublin—Richard McGowan, Thomas Gillis, James Aller.

Licking Creek—

McConnellsburg—H. U. Nace, M. F. Black, Harry Hamill.

Taylor—A. L. Lhaw.

Thompson—

Todd—A. L. Wible, C. C. Rotz, W. B. Anderson.

Union—Isaiah Lehman, Dr. J. M. McKibbin, John W. Scriver.

Wells—George W. Sipes.

### A NEW LAW.

Defining Duties in Event of Death Where There is Suspicion As to The Cause.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be the duty of the coroner and the deputy coroner of any county in this Commonwealth, in all cases where the cause of death is of a suspicious nature and character, to cause an investigation of the facts concerning said death, and to make or cause to be made such an autopsy as the facts of the case may demand, by such official.

Section 2. That in cases of sudden death, where the cause is not surrounded by any suspicious circumstances, the body of the deceased shall be sent immediately by the police or health authorities, if the death shall occur away from the home or residence of the deceased, to the same or to such relatives or friends who may claim the body; or, in absence of any knowledge as to the person, his or her home, residence, relatives or friends, the health board or police authorities of any county, city, borough or township shall take possession of such body and keep the same in such place as may be provided by said authorities, for the purpose of remaining for a limited time for identification; and any effects found on the body shall be handed over by said police or health authorities to the coroner, and by that official given to those legally entitled to the same: Provided, That nothing in this section shall interfere with the right of the coroner to investigate the facts or causes of said death.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with said act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 16th day of April, A. D. 1907.

EDWIN S. STUART

## RESOLUTIONS

And Preamble on the death of Brother Charles E. Barton Adopted by McConnellsburg Lodge, No. 744. I. O. O. F.

The gates of death have again opened and Past Grand Charles E. Barton has been admitted to that world where sorrow and sadness can never reign. We have seen our brother in the glory of his days and in the pride of his strength; we beheld him as he stood on the heights of success; and while the world was shouting its chorus—its psalm for those who have won, we saw the pavilions of this short and transitory life closing their shadowy curtains about him and we

"Knew that we must part. Day after day we saw the dread Destroyer win his way.

That hollow cough first rung the fatal knell As on our ears its prophet-warning fell. Feeble and slow thy once light footstep grew; Thy wasting cheek put on death's pallid hue."

Our brother has lain down the burdens and cares of this world never again to take them up. Death demanded a shining jewel with which to adorn the cold and silent tomb, and our brother fell in the high noon of his life. His habitation has been removed from the land of time to the shores of an infinite and boundless eternity. His life was but a vapor which has vanished with the sun of the early morn; and yet, though his life was short, we were enabled to feel its influence, as that influence made itself felt in the deliberations and meetings of our Lodge. He was ever loyal to Friendship, Love and Truth, and his death deprives us of one of our most prudent counselors. As we stand at the open grave of our brother we hear the solemn words, "Man that is born of woman, is of few days;" and we are reminded that thus shall we too go the way of all the earth, and we say with the poet:

"The soul, of origin divine, God's glorious image, freed from clay, In heaven's eternal sphere shall shine A star of day."

WHEREAS, It has been pleasing to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to call from our midst brother Charles E. Barton, therefore be it Resolved, That we bow in humble and silent submission to the will of Him who apportions to every man his time. Resolved, That this Lodge extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved widow and fatherless children in this hour of anguish and sorrow. Resolved, That the charter of the Lodge be draped in mourning and that the members of the Lodge wear the badge of mourning for thirty days. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be attached to the records of the lodge, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased brother and that they be published in the newspapers of the county. Fraternally submitted.

HORACE N. SIPES, J. B. RYAN, JOHN COMER, S. M. ROBINSON, WILSON L. NACE, Committee.

### The Bank's Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of McConnellsburg, Pa., held in the Directors' room, on May 13, 1907, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, it is with feelings of sorrow and regret that we are called upon to record the death of Professor Charles E. Barton, a member of the Board of Directors of this Bank, and

WHEREAS, in the death of Professor Barton, the Board of Directors has lost a faithful, active, careful, conscientious, and obliging member, and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a member possessed of the highest personal attributes, one esteemed for his fidelity to justice and truth, and one who used his untiring efforts for the advancement of everything tending to promote the best interests of his fellowmen; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That as representatives of the Bank, and as members of this community, it is proper and appropriate to record the loss of one of its members, and to testify to the qualities of heart and mind that made his private life exemplary, his conviction of duty the highest purpose that governed and marked him so strongly in his official capacity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, as a testimonial

## TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

To The Memory of Obed T. Mellott by a Former Pastor.

Brother Editor, permit me to bring my tribute of respect to one of your fellow citizens who has been called from labor to reward—who was my personal friend and brother in Christian labor and service—Obed T. Mellott. Thirty-six years ago last January Brother Mellott, with forty-eight others, if my memory serves me right, united with the Christian church during a protracted meeting held by the writer in the old church house at Siding Hill. On the first Sunday in May, 1871, he received baptism—himself and wife and eight others—at the hands of the writer near the mill, once owned by Major D. D. Mellott.

The good people of that section of the county owe a debt of gratitude to Obed T. Mellott; that I hope they will pay by living the true Christian life. Without the assistance and counsel of our departed friend and brother, I fear they would not have the beautiful house of worship they now have. It can be said of him while he was devoted to the church of his choice, he was a Christian devoid of sectarianism. He fellowshiped and worshiped with Christians of all denominations.

But his work on earth is done. He has gone to receive his reward. I extend to the wife and children of my friend and brother, a brother's sympathy. Their loss is Heaven's gain. If we are true Christians, we shall meet again.

One more star in my crown if faithful unto death. Pardon me if I mention the names of some who gave brother Mellott the hand of fellowship thirty-six years ago, who have since joined the great army of the Redeemed: Hon. David Mann, Wm. C. Mann, Matthew Sharpe, Reuben Daniels, Wm. S. Strait, D. D. Mellott, Samuel Kline, John R. Pittman, Joseph Strait, Hon. James Daniels, and a host of others that I could mention.

One by one we are passing over. To the land beyond the grave: One by one we'll soon be gathered in that land that knows no pain. JOHN H. BARNEY. Clearville, Pa.

### WEST DUBLIN.

M. G. and Harry Lamberson, and M. L. Kirk, of Hustontown, are at work hanging paper in this community this week.

Edwin Brant was a visitor to New Grenada on Saturday evening.

Era Clevenger spent a little while on Clear Ridge Sunday evening.

Estella Laidig, Russell Gracey, and Harrison Hoover are attending school in McConnellsburg.

The friends of Superintendent Barton in this community, were much shocked to hear of his death and extend sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

The Fairview M. E. Sunday school will hold a Children's Day service this year. Date will be made known later.

E. H. Kirk and wife spent Sunday afternoon with the family of John W. Laidig.

Mrs. Susan King spent a day recently with Mrs. Eliza Hoover.

Harvey and Marge Clevenger accompanied their grandmother, Mrs. Ellen French, to Trough Creek valley, Huntingdon county, last Friday, and returned on Sunday.

Mamie and Janet Kesselring, of Gracay, attended Sunday school at Fairview last Sunday.

Harvey Mumma, of Licking Creek township, spent Sunday at J. W. Laidig's.

Mrs. Margaret Lyon expects to go to Allegheny City this week, staying a few days at Three Springs on her route.

To his memory, a copy of these proceedings be transmitted to the bereaved family of the deceased.

W. SCOTT ALEXANDER, GEO. A. HARRIS, D. L. GRISWOLD.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shives of East End, drove down to their farm in Thompson last Sunday. Squire Daniel P. Deshong, of Pleasant Ridge, was registered at the Washington House last Friday.

Frank M. Lodge, of Brush Creek valley, was in town a few hours last Saturday attending to business.

Mrs. J. C. McGowan and baby Helen Vera, and Miss Mary Welsh, of Burnt Cabins, spent a few hours in town last Saturday doing some shopping.

F. D. Skiles, of Pleasant Ridge, called at this office while in town last week, and extended his subscription to the News well into 1908.

Samuel Rotz and wife, of Franklin county, were on this side of the mountain during the past week visiting among their many relatives and friends.

Elijah Baldwin, of Fort Littleton, one of the oldest and best known millers in this county, spent a few hours in town attending to business last Friday.

Mrs. Nancy Divens returned to her home at Knobsville Monday, after having spent two weeks very pleasantly in Hagerstown visiting her daughter, Mrs. Blaine Hertzler.

Mrs. W. H. McNeil, of Searsboro, Iowa, accompanied by her three little sons, Wilford, Edgar, and Homer, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Pittman, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fox, of East Palestine, O., and Mrs. Susan Myers and Miss Ethel Freeman, of Enon, Pa., are visiting in the homes of John and Abram Fox, of this place.

Milton and Reuben Mellott, and E. W. Swope, were in town last Friday. Milton and Reuben were named in the will as executors of the estate of their father, the late Obed T. Mellott, deceased.

Isaac Bolinger, of Dublin Mills, was a pleasant caller at the News office last Saturday. He says the News does not get to the Dublin Mills postoffice until Saturday. This might be remedied, if the News went by way of Harrisburg and Three Springs.

P. J. Barton, of Middletown, Ill., reached this place last Saturday morning in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his brother, Superintendent Chas. E. Barton. Philip is an enthusiastic farmer, and thinks Illinois a great state.

S. M. Clevenger, of Needmore, was in town a few hours last Saturday, and called at the News office to "chin" the editor. Sam doesn't think his efforts to improve the sidewalk on the west side of North Market street, was appreciated by the roadmaster.

Mr. Arthur Barton, vice president of the Coxe Shoe Company, Birmingham, Ala., was summoned here last week on account of the illness of his brother, County Superintendent Chas. E. Barton. Arthur has demonstrated that being born in the "wilds of Fulton county" is no barrier to entering a city of 200,000 people, and winning a high position among the most successful and best business people.

J. S. Hill, one of Belfast's progressive young farmers, was in town a few hours last Friday. He owns the farm on which his deceased father, Jacob Hill, lived, north of the Cross Roads on Timber Ridge. It was on this farm that one of the first school houses in the township stood—the house in which the boys and girls of almost a hundred years ago, learned reading, rithm, and arithmetic.